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SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS REACTION TO VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE

1. SUMMARY: IN ASSESSING VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE, ISRAELI PRESS NOV 25 GENERALLY TOOK QUALIFIED POSITION IN NOTING ITS CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PROMOTING DETENTE AND MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROSPECTS. ON LATTER ISSUE, WHICH DOMINATED PRESS REACTION, COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO UN RESOLUTION 338 WAS SEEN AS MOST ENCOURAGING FEATURE. COMMUNIQUE MIGHT ALSO HELP LEAD TO AGREEMENT ON EXTENSION OF UN MANDATE ON SYRIAN FRONT. END SUMMARY.

2. MAARIV EDITORIAL SAW VALDIVOSTOK TALKS SERVING DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY NEEDS OF BOTH SOVIET UNION AND US IN KEEPING DETENTE ALIVE. ON QUESTION OF SALT, MAARIV ASSUMED PROGRESS WAS MADE, BUT THAT IT "WILL HAVE TO STAND THE TEST OF REALITY AT CERTAIN DATES IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE..." AL HAMISHMAR EDITORIAL OBSERVED, "FROM THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE IT EMERGES BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT NOT ONLY HAVE THE SUPERPOWERS DECIDED TO SAVE DETENTE,

BUT TO PURSUE THAT GOAL WITH GREATER VIGOR."

3. ALL EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARIES FAVORABLY CITED THE REFERENCE TO UN RESOLUTION 338 IN THE VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE. HAARETZ BELIEVED THAT THIS MEANT THAT SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAS SHOWN AT VLADIVOSTOK GREATER READINESS FOR COMPROMISE THAN ITS REPRESENTATIVE DID IN VOTING FOR PLO RESOLUTION IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. TO YEDIOT (GUINEY), THE SOVIET POSITION IN VLADIVOSTOK ON RESOLUTION 338 IS CEARLY CONTRARY TO ARAFAT'S PLAN FOR A "UNITED PALESTINE."

4. PRESS REGARDED REFERENCE TO GENEVA CONFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE AS POSITIVE MEASURE, ALTHOUGH IT EXPRESSED CERTAIN RESERVATIONS. ACCORDING TO AL HAMISHMAR, COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED AMERICAN VIEW THAT WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF SOVIETS NO REAL PROGRESS IN MIDDLE EAST CAN BE ACHIEVED. IN NOT GRATING GENEVA EXCLUSIVE ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, YEDIOT SAW VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE GIVING SECRETARY KISSINGER CONTINUED MEDIATING ROLE, BUT WITH LESS SPACE TO ACT.

5. MOST IMMEDIATE FRUITS OF VLADIVOSTOK, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL PAPERS, MIGHT EMERGE ON SYRIAN FRONT. MAARIV EDITORIAL STATED "THE CLAUSE ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST--DESPITE ITS LUKEWARM FOUNDATION--WILL ENABLE DAMASCUS TO EXTEND THE MANDATE FOR THE UN FORCE; AND THUS AN EXTENSION (IN TIME) HAS BEEN GIVEN TO (EFFORTS TO RESOLVE) THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, AND A CERTAIN MARGIN OF TIME FOR RENEWED DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY BY DR KISSINGER. KEATING

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